1 Repeal 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18704.1: 2 § 18704.1. Determining When A Public Official is Making a Governmental Decision. 3 (a) A public official "makes a governmental decision," except as provided in Regulation 4 18704.4, when the official, acting within the authority of his or her office or position: 5 (1) Votes on a matter; 6 (2) Appoints a person; 7 (3) Obligates or commits his or her agency to any course of action; 8 (4) Enters into any contractual agreement on behalf of his or her agency; 9 (5) Determines not to act, within the meaning of subdivisions (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), or 10 (a)(4), unless such determination is made because of his or her financial interest. When the 11 determination not to act occurs because of the official's financial interest, the official's 12 determination may be accompanied by an oral or written disclosure of the financial interest. 13 (b) When an official with a disqualifying conflict of interest abstains from making a 14 governmental decision in an open session of the agency and the official remains on the dais or in 15 his or her designated seat during deliberations of the governmental decision in which he or she is 16 disqualified, his or her presence shall not be counted toward achieving a quorum. 17 (c) During a closed meeting of the agency, a disqualified official shall not be present 18 when the decision is considered or knowingly obtain or review a recording or any other 19 nonpublic information regarding the governmental decision. 20 (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of this regulation, to determine if a public official 21 who holds an office specified in Section 87200 is making, participating in making, or using or 22 attempting to use his or her official position to influence a governmental decision relating to an

agenda item which is noticed for a meeting subject to the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Act

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- 1 (Section11120 et seq.) or the Brown Act (Section 54950 et seq.) apply Regulations
- 2 18704.1(a)(1) (a)(4), 18704.2, 18704.3, 18704.4, and 18704.5.
- 3 Comment: Nothing in this section authorizes or prohibits an agency by local rule or custom from
- 4 requiring a disqualified member to step down from the dais and/or leave the chambers.
- 5 Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 81002, 81003,
- 6 87100, 87101, 87105 and 87200, Government Code.